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What's Happening . . .

The University has initiated construction on a permanent home for the School of Business. It will be located across from the Athletic Center . . . The Rutgers University Marching Band has a new home at Livingston College, in the music wing of Lucy Stone Hall . . . WLBS, the Livingston student radio station, is proceeding with plans to begin broadcasting on an FM frequency. The station is scheduled to switch bands during the Spring semester . . . Livingston will regain control of the North and South Tower dormitories in the Fall of 1989, although some Rutgers College students will continue to receive housing there.

. . . Around Campus?

A display was sponsored during the Fall semester by the Livingston Alumni Association to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Livingston College.

The display, located in the Tillett Hall display case adjacent to the Great Hall, focused on the construction of the College on the site of Camp Kilmer and featured early issues of the *Livingston Medium*.

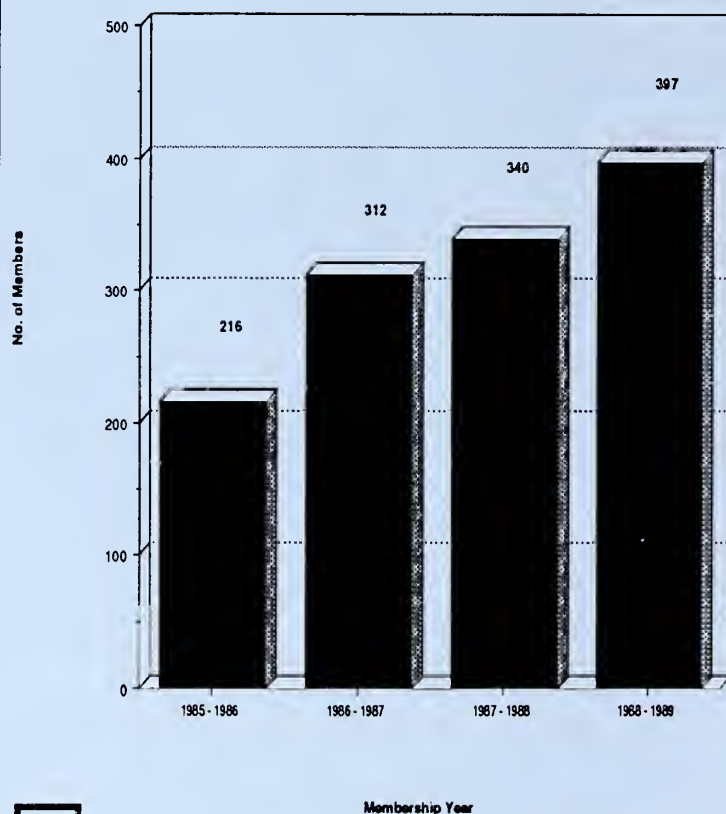
Future topics for displays now under consideration include prominent alumni, university reorganization and WLBS.

LAA Seeking Volunteers For Spring Alumni Panel Discussions

Livingston College Alumni may hold the answer to current students' questions about careers, graduate school and life after Livingston. To facilitate this potentially stimulating discussion, the LAA will sponsor a panel of distinguished Livingston alumni during the Spring semester.

Any alumni interested in participating on this panel should contact Rob Stuart at 609-989-7699.

LAA Membership Soars To New Heights!



Thanks to all of you, the membership of the Livingston Alumni Association is well on its way to topping 400. We are confident that our dues-paying members will number 500 by the end of the 1989-1990 membership year.



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Dear Fellow Graduate:

The Livingston Alumni Association is under siege!

Sounds a bit dramatic, I know, but, given the facts, I really couldn't think of anything else to call it.

I've told you in years past how various branches of the university administration have attempted to corral us - the Department of Alumni Relations actually seizing mailing labels for our newsletters unless we gave them samples for "review", is one example that readily comes to mind - but the slick moves pulled off in June by the University Board of Trustees and several top administrators have our blood boiling.

In a nutshell, they have stripped us of our right to choose whom we wish to represent us on the Board. Quickly, here are the details:

Every six years, several of a number of alumni associations (Livingston included) are allowed to nominate a representative to sit on the 59-member Board of Trustees. This year it was our turn. In the past, the association's nominees were always accepted by the Board. But this year, only in the case of Livingston, the Board's nominating committee decided that it knew better than the LAA Executive Committee who should be Livingston's representative, and chose someone we did not nominate.

I should add that the Board did this in spite of the fact that we were quite forceful and vocal in support of our nominee. And the reason they didn't choose our nominee? Politics. They knew that the person we chose - Susan Kozel '81 - would not sit idly by and rubberstamp every misguided proposal coming under the Board's purview. And frankly, that scared them.

Once again Livingston has no voice ... unless we give it one.

During the past few months we have been successful in getting new members on our Executive Board - members who brought with them their enthusiasm, fresh perspectives and new ideas.

Now we need you - we need you to join the association and

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to support our events. We must show the Board of Trustees and the University Administration that Livingston does have a voice, and that we will no longer accept their neglect and arrogance.

It is so vitally important that you join the Association now - not only to participate in our response to the incident I've just described (you'll be getting more on that later), but also to share in the more pleasant activities of the LAA. We have a number of programs planned for the Fall and Spring, the first of which will occur on Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the Yorba Lounge (that's the Tillett Main Lounge for you old timers!). The program will feature several community activists who will be on hand to discuss how we can empower our communities to affect social change from the ground up. (When the followers lead ... and all that!) This is Livingston's part of a University-wide alumni focus this November on "community service". Admission is free - please join us on November 12th!

Of course, we still have that bottom-line problem - we won't be able to carry out our plans unless we have the financial resources to do so.

We all know the effect the recession has had on our check-books and that sometimes it's hard just meeting basic obligations. What I'm asking you to do is make joining the LAA one of your basic expenses.

So please, while you're thinking about it, take a moment and write out a check to the LAA, and vote for the slate of officers included in this packet.

The LAA Executive Committee thanks you in advance for joining, and we hope to see you in the coming year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Bowman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Bowman" clearly distinguishable.

Bill Bowman '82
President

P.S. - Class of '82, our 10th reunion is coming up! More details on that to come!